

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A pants garment, comprising:

left and right leg members for covering the left and right thigh and leg areas of a wearer, each leg member independently comprising a first stretchable portion and a second stretchable portion,

wherein said second stretchable portions have a greater tightening force for applying greater pressure than said first stretchable portions, and independently include

a front second stretchable portion provided at a front side of each of the leg members, said front second stretchable portion extending obliquely from an upper front portion to a lower front portion of each leg member, and

a back second stretchable portion provided at a back side of each of the leg members, said back second stretchable portion extending obliquely from an upper back portion to a lower back portion of each leg member,

wherein for each leg member, the front second stretchable portion and a first portion of the back second stretchable portion meet at least at an inner lower portion of the thigh leg member

wherein at least either one of the left leg member or the right leg member has the front second stretchable portion extending continuously along the front side from an outer waist portion, along a front outer hip portion, to an inner knee portion of the left or right leg member and then to an outer ankle portion, respectively, and

wherein a second portion of the back second stretchable portion extends from an inner upper portion to an outer lower portion of each leg member.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A garment as defined in claim 1, wherein at least either one of the left leg member or the right leg member has the front second stretchable portion and the back second stretchable portion inclined in the same direction.

4.-5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) A garment as defined in claim 1, wherein at least either one of the left leg member or the right leg member has the front second stretchable portion extending to a position corresponding to the left or right greater trochanter of a wearer, respectively.

7.-27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) A garment as defined in claim 1, wherein the front second stretchable portion extends from the lower part of the inside of the corresponding thigh to the corresponding greater trochanter via the upper part of the front surface of the corresponding thigh, and wherein said front second stretchable portion is curved in an indented shape toward the upper part of the corresponding thigh.

29.-34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Presented) A garment as defined in claim 1, further comprising:

left and right pelvic members attached to said leg members for covering the right and left pelvic areas of a wearer.

36. (Previously presented) A garment as defined in claim 35, further comprising:

an abdomen member attached to said pelvic members for covering the abdominal area of a wearer.

37. (Previously presented) A garment as defined in claim 36, further comprising:

a waist member attached to at least one of said thigh leg members, said pelvic members, and said abdomen member, for circumscribing the waist of the wearer.

38. (Previously Presented) A pants garment, comprising:

left and right leg members for covering the left and right thigh areas of a wearer, each leg member independently comprising a first thigh stretchable portion and a second stretchable portion,

wherein said second stretchable portions have a greater tightening force for applying greater pressure than said first stretchable portions, and independently include

a front second stretchable portion provided at a front side of each of the leg members, said front second stretchable portion extending continuously along the front side obliquely from a front waist portion, along a front outer hip portion, to a lower front ankle portion of each leg member,

a first back second stretchable portion provided at a back side of each of the leg members, said first back second stretchable portion extending obliquely from an upper back portion to a lower back portion of each leg member, and

a second back second stretchable portion extending from an upper portion to a lower portion of said leg member, such that the first and second back stretchable portions cross each other.

39. (Previously Presented) A garment as defined in claim 38, wherein at least either one of the left leg member or the right leg member has the front second stretchable portion and the back second stretchable portion inclined in opposite directions.

40. (Previously Presented) A garment as defined in claim 38, wherein at least either one of the left leg member or the right leg member has the front second stretchable portion and the back second stretchable portion inclined in the same direction.

41. (Previously Presented) A garment as defined in claim 38, wherein for each leg member, the front second stretchable portion and the back second stretchable portion meet at least at an inner lower portion of the leg member.

42. (Previously Presented) A garment as defined in claim 38, wherein at least either one of the left leg member or the right leg member has the front second stretchable portion extending to a position corresponding to the left or right greater trochanter of a wearer, respectively.

43. (Previously Presented) A garment as defined in claim 38, wherein the front second stretchable portion extends from the lower part of the inside of the corresponding thigh to the corresponding greater trochanter via the upper part of the front surface of the corresponding thigh, and wherein said front second stretchable portion is curved in an indented shape toward the upper part of the corresponding thigh.

44. (Canceled)

45. (Previously Presented) A garment as defined in claim 38, further comprising:

left and right pelvic members attached to said members for covering the right and left pelvic areas of a wearer.

46. (Previously Presented) A garment with a crotch for covering at least part of the lower half of a body, comprising:

a band-like pressure portion at least has, at a front side portion corresponding to the front side of a thigh, a thigh front side pressure portion extending continuously along the front side obliquely from a waist portion, along a front outer hip portion, to the ankle, and, at a rear side portion corresponding to the rear side of the thigh, a thigh rear side pressure portion formed obliquely from above to below the rear side portion and a second thigh rear side pressure portion extending from an upper portion to a lower portion of said thigh, such that the first and second thigh rear side pressure portions on said thigh cross each other.

47. (New) A pants garment, comprising:

left and right leg members for covering the left and right thigh areas of a wearer, each leg member independently comprising a first thigh stretchable portion and a second stretchable portion,

wherein said second stretchable portions have a greater tightening force for applying greater pressure than said first stretchable portions, and independently include

a front second stretchable portion provided at a front side of each of the leg members, said front second stretchable portion extending obliquely from an upper front portion to a lower front portion of each leg member, and

a first back second stretchable portion provided at a back side of each of the leg members, said first back second stretchable portion extending obliquely from an upper back portion to a lower back portion of each leg member,

a second back second stretchable portion extending from an upper portion to a lower portion of said leg member, such that the first and second back second stretchable portions cross each other;

wherein for each leg member, the front second stretchable portion and the second back second stretchable portion meet at least at an inner lower portion of the thigh leg member

wherein at least either one of the left leg member or the right leg member has the front second stretchable portion extending continuously along the front side from an outer waist portion, along a front outer hip portion, to an inner knee portion of the left or right leg member, respectively, and

wherein the first back second stretchable portion extends from an inner upper portion to an outer lower portion of each leg member.